The Humble PETITION of the Widdows and Fatherleſs Children in the *Weſt* of *England*, Preſented to this preſent Convention.

WE, to the Number of a Thouſand and more, Widdows and Fatherleſs Children, of the Counties of *Dorſet*, *Somerſet*, and *Devon*, our dear Husbands and tender Fathers having been ſo Tyrannouſly Butchered, and ſome Tranſported, our Eſtates ſold from us, and our Inheritance cut off by the ſevere and harſh Sentence of *George* Lord *Jefferies*, now we underſtand in the Tower of *London* a Priſoner, who has lately, we hear, endeavoured to excuſe himſelf from thoſe Tyrannical and Illegal Sentences, by laying it on Information by ſome Gentlemen, who are knovvn to us to be good Chriſtians, true Proteſtants and Engliſh-men. We your poor Petititioners, many hundreds of us, on our Knees have begg'd Mercy for our dear Husbands and tender Parents, from his Cruel Hands, but his thirſt for Blood was ſo great, and his Barbariſm ſo Cruel, that inſtead of granting Mercy for ſome, which were made appear to be Innocent, and Petitioned for by the flower of the Gentry of the ſaid Counties, he immediately Executed; and ſo barbarouſly, that a very good Gentlevvoman at *Dorcheſter*, begging on her Knees the Life of one Mr. *Beſcombe*, to Marry him, and make him her Husband, this vile Wretch not having common Civility with him, and laying aſide that Honour and Reſpect due to a Perſon of her worth, told her, *Come, I know your meaning, ſome part of your Petition I will grant, which ſhall be that after he is Hanged and Quartered, you ſhall have that Member you beſt like when living, and ſo I will give Orders to the Sheriff*: Theſe, with many hundred more Tyrannical Acts are ready to be made appear in the ſaid Counties, by honeſt and credible Perſons, and therefore your Petitioners deſire, that the ſaid *George Jefferies*, late Lord Chancellour, the Vileſt of Men, may be brought dovvn to the Counties aforeſaid, where we the good Women in the *Weſt* ſhall be glad to ſee him; and give him another manner of Wellcome than he had there three Years ſince.

And your Petitioners ſhall ever Pray, &c.

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THere will be Publiſht in a few Days a Treatiſe Entituled, *The Bloody Aſſizes*: or, Hell in Little, being a compleat Hiſtory of the Life of *GEORGE* Lord *JEFFERIES*, from his Birth to this preſent time, *&c.* Wherein (amongſt other things) is given a true Account of his unheard of Cruelties and barbarous Proceedings *in his whole Weſtern Circuit*; the manner of his coming to *Dorcheſter*, his Tyrannical Behaviour there, his Affronts to the Sheriffs and chief Gentlemen of *Devon-ſhire*, *Dorſet-ſhire*, *Somerſet-ſhire*, &c. His barbarous Practices at *Exeter*, *Taunton*, and the City of *Wells*; the Tryals and Condemnation of 947 Perſons, with their undaunted Courage at the Barr, and remarkable Circumſtances that attended their Executions: Faithfully Collected by ſeveral *Weſt Countrey Gentlemen*, now in *London*, who were both Eye and Ear-witneſſes. Which will be Sold by *John Dunton* at the *Black Raven* in the *Poultrey*, over againſt the *Compter*.

☞ A Second Collection of the *Dying Speeches*, *Letters*, *Prayers*, &c. of thoſe who ſuffer'd in the *Weſt* will ſpeedily be Publiſh'd, the firſt Collection having met with a Candid Reception.